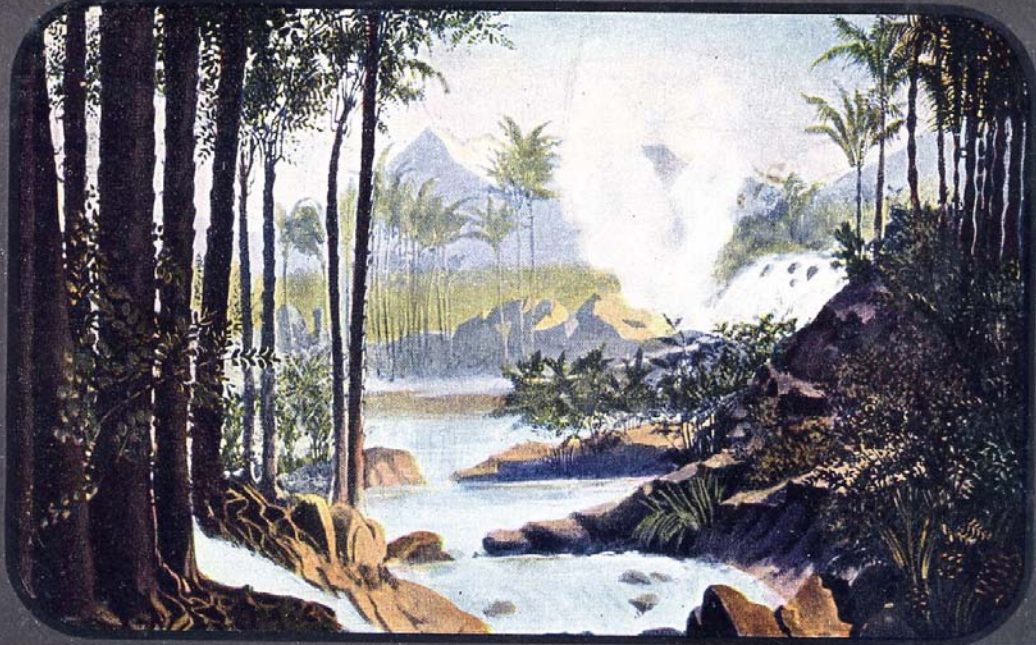

Days, or Epochs, of Creation.

«Let there be light! And there was light.» (Genesis 1 : 3.) This beautiful, simple statement briefly sums up the result of the 7000 years of creation, styled the First Day. Not that God's Word would not have been sufficient for any miracle, but because He prefers to *work out* His glorious designs along natural lines. The light mentioned in this scripture is not that of the Sun, but probably one resembling the Aurora Borealis. The Sun did not appear until the Fourth Day.

According to the account in Genesis God made the firmament in the second, or Palæozoic Dry, and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. (Genesis 1 : 7.) The strongly mineralized waters above the Earth gradually concentrated at the poles, where later they broke and then reached the Earth, forming layer after layer of mineralized earth deposited by the waters which rushed from both poles toward the equator. (Genesis 7 : 11, 18.)

On the Third Day of Creation, the Carboniferous Day (Genesis 1 : 9, 10, 13), the waters were gathered into seas and oceans, the dry land was upheaved and began gradually to drain off in preparation for vegetation.

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